Poonch Sector is a regular phenomenon and has been continuing over the year. The details of casualties in 1998 (upto 27 May 1998) are as follows:

Army		BSF		CIVILIANS	
Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
4	27	—	3	—	—

(c) and (d) Barbed wire fencing along the line of Actual Control in Jammu & Kashmir is not feasible in view of the rugged nature of the terrain, due to rivers, nullahs and streams and the inability to keep such obstacle system in continuous observation and denomination by fire. However, to check infiltration and smuggling of arms & ammunition etc, through Jammu International Border, barbed wire fencing/flood lighting was earlier contemplated but due to firing from Pakistan side, the work was stopped. The matter regarding restarting of the work is under active consideration of the Government.

Outstanding Dues of Sebs

1595. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of electricity boards are running at a loss and crores of rupees are outstanding as dues to the Public Sector Undertakings such as National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). Coal India Ltd., Railways. etc. by SEBs;

(b) if so, the details of the loss incurred by the SEBs during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1997-98 and outstanding dues to Public Sector Undertakings during these years; and

(c) the main reason for SEBs incurring huge losses?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The surplus/deficit of the SEBs during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are enclosed at Annexure-I [*See* Appendix 148, Annexure No 51] The accounts of the State Electricity Boards are required to be forwarded to the Central Electricity Authority within six months of the close of the year to which the accounts relate. As such, the accounts for the year 1997-98 are not available. A statement indicating the outstanding dues of the Central Power Sector Undertakings against SEBs etc., as on 31.3.1994, 31.3.1995, 31.3.1996, 31.3.1997 and 31.3.1998 is enclosed at Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix 184 Annexure No. 51]

(c) The main reasons of the losses of the SEBs, inter alia include the widening gap between the average cost of supply and realisation, delay as well as inadequate revision of tariff, non-realisation of the dues by SEBs for sale of power, low levels of capacity utilisation of existing plants and high transmission and distribution losses.

Power Projects by Foreign Investors

1596. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign investors participating in the power sector;

(b) whether the foreign investors have got the approval of their own Government for setting up of power plants in India.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the investment made by each investor in different power projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.